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In re Application of

MARK. W. SCHAEFER

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METHODS FOR TRANSFERRING HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGES INTO

METAL SURFACES

Attorney Docket No. 012006-00254

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC 600 Grant Street, 44th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219 March 28, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents BOX CPA Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 9, 16 and 22 as follows:

(amended) A method of applying a holographic image to the 1. surface of an article made of hard temper metal/comprising:

providing a photoresist coated plate,

etching a holographic partern in the photoresist with said pattern etched to a depth of at least about 3 microns in the photoresist,

growing a mother shim on said photoresist with said pattern in it

from said photoresist,

transferring said pattern from the mother shim to multiple sister

shims,